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STUDENT TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP REGIONALS SCHEDULED

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Over the next several weeks, thousands of Kentucky K-12 students will demonstrate their innovative ideas and technological savvy at eight regional competitions as part of the Kentucky Department of Education's Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP).

STLP uses project-based learning to empower student learning and achievement through the student-led creation of technology-based solutions to classroom, school, and community needs. The program is open to all K-12 students.

The public is invited to attend the regional competitions, which are open from 10 a.m. to noon local time. Students will display their projects during that time and be on hand to answer questions about them.

November 3	Murray State University Showcase, Curris Center
November 10	University of Kentucky, Lexington Center
November 14	Northern Kentucky University, Student Activities Center
November 17	Morehead State University
November 29	University of Louisville Showcase, Student Activities Center
December 5	The Center for Rural Development, Somerset
December 8	East Kentucky Expo Center, Pikeville
December 12	Western Kentucky University, Diddle Arena

This year the number of students participating in the regional competitions has increased by 1,000 students. In all, 106 school districts and more than 450 schools – a 15 percent increase from 2015 – have registered to participate in the eight regional showcases.

STLP students create projects, products or services as part of the program and demonstrate their learning by competing in various event categories including instructional, technical or community service projects; digital content creation such as digital art, photography, design, programming, app development and robotics; and technical services, like student help desk and network engineering.

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During the regional competitions, teams of K-12 students present their projects to volunteer judges. Winners at the regional events are invited to compete in the STLP State Championship, which will be held in Lexington's Rupp Arena on April 12, 2017. The top elementary, middle and high school STLP teams at the state championship then represent Kentucky at the International Society for Technology Education (ISTE) conference in San Antonio, Texas, on June 25-18, 2017.

Established in 1994, STLP taps into students' interests and challenges and motivates them to explore new ways of learning and helping their school and community. KDE's Office of Education Technology sponsors STLP events to highlight the creative, logical and often entrepreneurial talents of students across the Commonwealth.

Visit <https://www.facebook.com/stlpkentucky> for more information on STLP, regional events, the state championship and other STLP resources and events for students. You can follow STLP on Twitter @STLPKentucky and like STLP on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/stlpkentucky>.

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